



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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In re Application

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**RESPONSE A UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2004. No fee is due for the addition of any new claims. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.